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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the communication filed on May 01, 2007.
Claim 4 is amended; and none of the claims are cancelled or newly added. Therefore, claims 1-13 are pending in this application.
2. Applicant's arguments, filed on May 01, 2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen et al. (USPN: 4,901,230) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Jamil et al. (USPN: 2003/0233523).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jamil et al. (USPN: 4,901,230) hereinafter, Jamil.

As per claim 1, Jamil teaches a system comprising

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- shared system registers (i.e. the part of the shared storage, 190, 290 and 490 in Figs. 1, 2 and 4, respectively), each register including one or more bits defining an access protocol (i.e. the Status shown in Fig. 4), and one or more bits representing data (i.e. 411-430 in Fig. 4); and
- N processors (i.e. processors 101 and 102 in Fig. 1), $N \geq 2$, where n is an integer (i.e. n is 2 in Fig. 1), each accessing the registers (i.e. as shown in Fig. 4) (e.g. see the abstract and Figs. 1-2 and 4).

As per claim 2, Jamil teaches the claimed invention as described above and furthermore, Jamil teaches that the access protocol including a configurable access type for each N processors (i.e. status listed for each shared register as shown in Fig. 4).

As per claim 3, Jamil teaches the claimed invention as described above and furthermore, Jamil teaches that the access type being selected from a group that includes READ, READ/CLEAR, READ/SET, and READ/WRITE, is inherently embedded in the system taught by the Jamil prior art because based on the status listed in Fig. 4 appropriate access type can be derived.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hetul Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-4184. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Kim can be reached on 571-272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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